

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992 were signed into law by President George Bush on October 30, 1992, and required the establishment of State Independent Living Councils (SILCs). Idaho's SILC was created by Governor Cecil Andrus by Executive Order 93-01 on May 28, 1993 with its membership appointed by the Governor. The SILC became an independent governmental entity as required by Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act with the passage of House Bill 711 on July 1, 2005.

The council members hire and direct the SILC Executive Director regarding policy, goals and objectives, and the strategy and implementation of the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). The Executive Director is responsible for regular daily business and is in charge of the SILC staff two (2) full-time employees. The SILC has one office located in Boise.

The SILCs revenue primarily comes from the Federal Workforce Investment Act (Title VII, Part B from the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR) and State General Funds appropriated by the Idaho Legislature. Additional revenue sources include funds obtained from a sub-lease of office space, interest accrual, and revenue received from contractual projects such as the statewide independent living conference and reimbursement from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) grant.

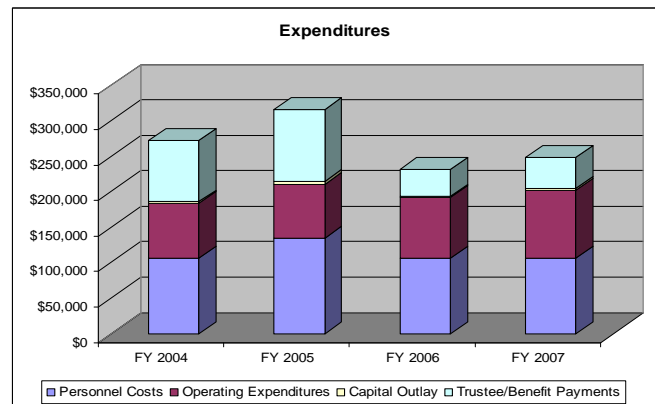
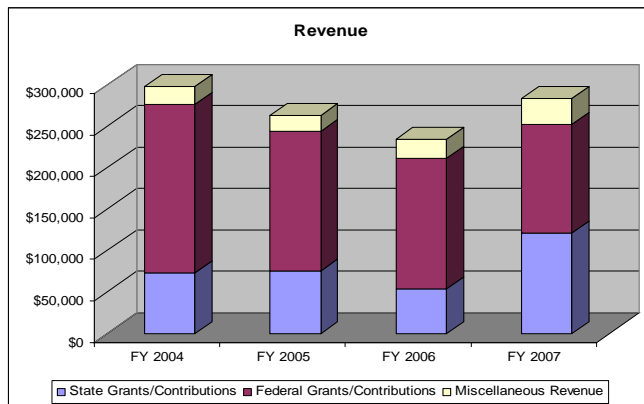
Since its inception, the SILC has been actively engaged in activities that assist in providing Idahoans with disabilities a greater voice in obtaining services that are consumer-responsive, cost-effective and community-based. The SILC is known nationwide as an innovative leader in the independent living movement.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Federal mandate (**29 U.S.C. section 796d(c) and 34 CFR 364.21**) requires the SILC to 1) Develop, sign and submit, in conjunction with the IDVR and the ICBVI, the SPIL for people with disabilities. It must monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the SPIL; 2) Support the centers for independent living (CILs) and advocate for independent living (IL) services provided through state and federal programs for people with disabilities; 3) Gather and disseminate information, conduct studies and analyses, develop model policies, conduct training on IL philosophy, and work to expand and improve IL services. Additionally, **Chapter 12, Title 56, Idaho Code**, requires the SILC to 1) Assess the need for services for Idahoans with disabilities and advocate with decision makers; 2) Supervise and evaluate such staff as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the council; 3) Ensure that all regularly scheduled meetings of the council are open to the public and that sufficient advance notice of meetings is provided pursuant to the open meeting law; 4) Prepare reports and make recommendations, as necessary; 5) Perform other activities the council deems necessary to increase the ability of Idahoans with disabilities to live independently; 6) Promulgate rules, as may be necessary, in compliance with Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code.

Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
State Grants/Contributions	\$73,300	\$74,800	\$53,800	\$121,200
Federal Grants/Contributions	\$203,000	\$169,100	\$157,700	\$130,791
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$21,800	\$19,100	\$22,400	\$31,315
Total	\$298,100	\$263,000	\$233,900	\$283,306
Expenditure	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personnel Costs	\$106,700	\$133,900	\$106,682	\$105,768
Operating Expenditures	\$76,300	\$76,400	\$85,158	\$95,792
Capital Outlay	\$2,500	\$4,400	\$849	\$2,860
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$86,000	\$101,300	\$38,863	\$43,895
Total	\$271,500	\$316,000	\$231,552	\$248,315



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Federal Requirements: 1. Develop, Sign and Submit the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) in collaboration with IDVR and ICBVI.	Completed '05-'07 SPIL			Completed 2008-2010 SPIL
2. Support CILs	\$45,000	Hired RDS	1. Submitted several grants. 2. Conducted Leadership Trainings.	Began application process for AmeriCorp grant to facilitate rural transportation.
3. Advocate for Independent Living Services	Promote legislation	Promote legislation	Promote legislation	Promote Legislation
4. Gather and Disseminate Information	1. Town Hall Mtgs. (SPIL) 2. Legislative Updates 3. Display Booths 4. Quarterly Bus. Mtgs. 5. Begin working on Statewide IL Conf.	1. Statewide IL Conference 2. Legislative Updates 3. Display Booths 4. Quarterly Bus. Mtgs.	1. Begin working on Statewide IL Conference 2. Legislative Updates 3. Display Booths 4. Quarterly Bus. Mtgs.	1. Town Hall Meetings (SPIL) 2. Legislative Updates 3. Display Booths 4. Quarterly Business Meetings 5. Statewide IL Conference
5. Conduct Studies and Analysis	Update of 1995 Needs Assessment	Completed Update of 1995 Needs Assessment	1. Submitted grant proposal for domestic violence and sexual abuse project. 2. Submitted and received Christopher Reeve's Grant	Received domestic violence and sexual abuse grant. Began needs assessment for pilot sites.
6. Develop Model Policies	1. Draft and advocate legislation 2. Participate in committees and task forces	1. Draft and advocate legislation 2. Participate in committees and task forces	1. Draft and advocate legislation 2. Participate in committees and task forces	1. Draft and advocate legislation 2. Participate in committees and task forces

7. Expand and Improve IL Services		Continued a ten year process of developing Medicaid Buy-In Rules	1. Begin development of improved fiscal intermediary legislation	Began application process for AmeriCorp grant to facilitate rural transportation.
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State Statute Regulations 1. Assess the need for services for Idahoans with disabilities and advocate with decision makers	1. Personal Experience 2. Consumers contact the SILC and advocates 3. Update of 1995 Needs Assessment	1. Personal Experience 2. Consumers contact the SILC and advocates 3. Update of 1995 Needs Assessment	1. Personal Experience 2. Consumers contact the SILC and advocates 3. Research for grant proposals	1. Personal Experience 2. Consumers contact the SILC and advocates 3. Research for grant proposals
2. Prepare reports and make recommendations as necessary	1.704 Report 2. Annual Report	1.704 Report 2. Annual Report	1.704 Report 2. Annual Report	1. 704 Report 2. Annual Report
3. Perform other activities the council deems necessary to increase the ability of Idahoans with disabilities to live independently		Trainings provided at the Statewide IL Conference	1. Leadership Trainings 2. Reconvened the Building Code Committee re: approval & enforcement process	Trainings provided at the Statewide IL Conference
4. Promulgate rules, as may be necessary, in compliance with Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code				

In 2007 the SILC, in collaboration with Boise State University Gender Studies and the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, was awarded a three year \$750,000 grant from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Violence Against Women (OVW). Idaho statistics for women with disabilities who are physically or sexually abused found that only 14 facilities that claim to be wheelchair accessible exist in the state. Additionally, many barriers to access exist in Idaho for women with disabilities seeking refuge from domestic violence or sexual abuse including attitudinal barriers, resentment from shelter program staff at compliance with federal anti-discriminatory laws given inadequate resources, rural and geographical isolation, lack of accessible shelters, misconceptions, lack of trained providers, under-funded shelters, lack of reporting and tracking, and reliance by women with disabilities on spouses, intimate partners, caregivers, personal care attendants, and/or family members for personal care though these may be the very people instigating violence. The grant team and non-lead partners propose to increase accessibility by creating a seamless continuum of care and agency coordination for women with disabilities. A collaboration agreement between the SILC and non-lead agencies has been developed and awaits approval by DOJ. A needs assessment is being developed.

The SILC successfully hosted another statewide independent living conference providing training to hundreds of Idahoans with disabilities on their civil rights, home modifications, employment rights, and an update on Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities and an Introduction to the Legislature. Participants met with their legislators. The SILC drafted and promoted a joint resolution, Disability History Month, to educate Idaho youth on individuals with disabilities who have affected American culture. Examples are President Franklin D. Roosevelt (polio), Helen Keller (blind, deaf and mute) and Annette Funicello (Muscular Dystrophy – of Disney fame). Examples of legislation drafted by the SILC include:

2003: Termination of Parental Rights, Child Protection and Accessible Parking

2004: HB711 separating the SILC from other state agencies and Accessible Parking

2005: Adding disability as a protected class within the Human Rights Act

2006: Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities

2007: Disability History Month

State of Idaho

Model Policies include the grant award mentioned above to develop policies, procedures and training opportunities for domestic violence safe houses and their staff, police officers and courts. Examples of committees and task forces that the SILC Executive Director participates in include: The Governor's Council on Homelessness, Help America Vote Act (HAVA), The National Center for Accessible Transportation (NCAT), Youth Leadership Development Summit, A Better Way Coalition (formerly the End of Life Coalition), Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities (CID), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Task Force, Medicaid Buy-In, Idaho Coordinated Response to Domestic and Sexual Violence, Workplace Domestic Violence Working Group, the State Agency Emergency Working Group and the Assistive Technology Information Technology Task Force (ATIT).

Performance Highlights:

Due to the direct influence and advocacy of the SILC, HCR22, was adopted unanimously in both houses. Award of the DOJ, Office of Violence Against Women grant . The Resource Development Specialist researched and is completing the application process for a three-year, \$250,000 AmeriCorp grant to provide a minimum of ten (10) volunteers around the state to develop and promote transportation for people with disabilities.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Benchmark
In conjunction with CILs, conduct a statewide conference to promote leadership development.		250 participants at SILC state conference with statewide representation.	1. 60 participants at statewide Leadership Trainings April 10, 12, & 14, 2006. 2. 2007 Statewide IL Conference preparations.	Over 200 participants at SILC state conference with statewide representation.	Participants from around the state, 90% target audience reached.
Continue the means for delivery of urgent information and immediate action by consumers and supporters.	Legislative Updates. Legislative session held.	Legislative Updates. Legislative session held.	Legislative Updates. Legislative policy session held. Submit articles.	Legislative Updates. Legislative policy session held. Town Hall mtgs. To develop & approve SPIL.	10,000 legislative updates distributed. Legislative policy session held every January. Town Hall meetings held.
Develop and implement a strategy that would increase/expand health care options.	Support buy-in for workers with disabilities.	Support buy-in for workers with disabilities and mental health parity.	Passage of buy-in for workers with disabilities and mental health parity.	Presentations to inform& update buy-in to workers with disabilities. Passage of Disability History Month.	Continued education on buy-in to workers with disabilities and employers. Passage of Disability History Month.
Initiate the process of writing a 2008-2010 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)			4 statewide focus groups scheduled; various meetings developed.	Completed the 2008-2010 SPIL.	Town Hall meetings to develop then approve SPIL.

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